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BUREAU OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

TO: The Secretary

FROM: PA - Hodding Carter III

PUBLIC MAIL REPORT
June 26-30, 1978

Continuing interest in the People's Temple in Guyana and the possible extradition to Mexico of two alleged kidnappers pushed this week's mail volume above the 1,300-piece level. The White House referred 364 letters and the Vice President's office transferred 44 letters to us, we were assigned 460 letters addressed to you and 477 letters sent to Department officers also reached us.

Individually Written Letters

88 communicated their concern about the plight of Jews in the Soviet Union. The vast majority deplored the sentences recently given to Ida Nudel and Vladimir Slepak and sought U.S. efforts to secure their release. Several others requested that the United States exert some influence on Soviet authorities who are refusing to permit Jessica Katz and her parents to emigrate to the United States, where proper medical treatment is available for Jessica.

48 discussed a wide variety of topics regarding the Middle East; some sought release of Sami Esmail, others objected to arms sales to Arab nations, and a few suggested that we are interfering in the negotiations between Israel and Egypt.

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Campaign Mail

158 letters addressed to you denounced the "conspiracy" or "propaganda" attacks allegedly being directed against the People's Temple in Jonestown, Guyana, applauded the Temple's achievements in education and international friendship, and urged the Department's support for the project. Almost all of these letters arrived from San Francisco or Oakland.

94 residents of the Miami area signed printed form letters to you or to the Deputy Secretary opposing the possible extradition of Gustavo Castillo and Gaspar Jimenez to Mexico for allegedly attempting to kidnap a Cuban diplomat.

37 printed forms from the Chicago vicinity called on you to help ten dissidents from the Baltic States obtain exit visas from Soviet authorities. Among those specifically listed were Mrs. Marija Jurgutis, Nicole Sadunaite and Viktorus Petkus.

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During the week we have completed work on the following language:

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227	Nicaragua/Chariton		X
201	Panama Treaty Dates		X

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Parole of 25,000 Additional Vietnamese Annually	HA	6/20, 6/29